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Singer says she's 'living her dream life' with two new rescue pups PAGE 7

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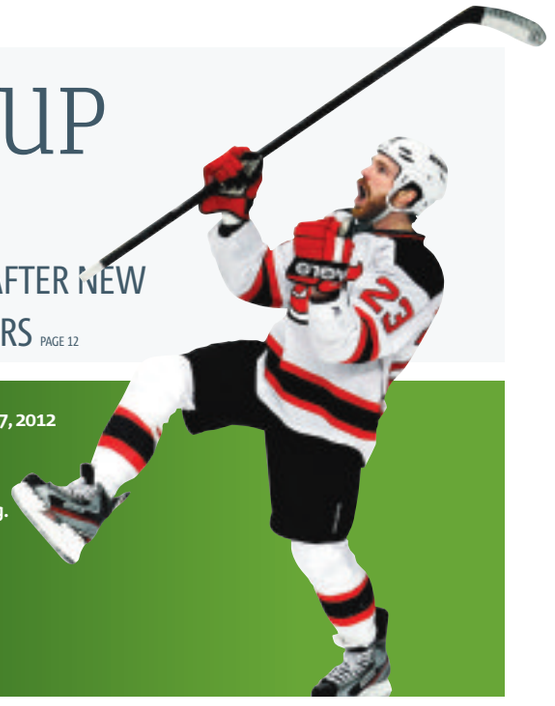

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Wall-Mulcair feud on fire

Opposing points of view. Wall hits back after Mulcair's analysis of what ails Canada's economy is contradicted by a new study

Premier Brad Wall is dismissing comments by federal NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair that he's a messenger for Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"I work for the people of Saskatchewan and if Mr. Mulcair is wondering for whom I am a messenger, I am a messenger for the people of Saskatchewan and for the economic interests of this province," Wall said.

Mulcair suggested the premiers of Saskatchewan, Alberta and B.C. are messengers for Harper when it comes to the impact of the oilsands on the economy. He has said the oilsands are artificially inflating the Canadian dollar and hurting the manufacturing sector.

Wall says Mulcair should look at new numbers from Statistics Canada that show factory shipments rose by 1.9 per cent in March to $49.7 billion, led by petroleum and coal products.

"The stats out today (Wednesday) put a lie to some of these theories that Mr. Mulcair has been espousing, I think, or certainly stand in stark contradiction to them, because we see in Canada, where there is a strong resource sector and an attendant strong dollar, manufacturing is moving in the right direction," Wall told reporters.

"We have one more message for Mr. Mulcair, and that is that his facts are wrong and what he's doing is very divisive for the country."

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The ongoing feud between federal NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair, left, and Premier Brad Wall has taken a new twist: Advantage Wall. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Going the distance

Actor and Saskatoon native Kim Coates travelled 13,000 kilometres to take part in a rally protesting the province's decision to eliminate the film tax credit PAGE 6

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On the web

Bieber makes Forbes' top three

Justin Bieber's fame and money are making headlines once again (magazine covers, actually). Bieber's celebrity status and social-media power landed him a top-three spot on Forbes' Most Powerful Celebrity list. Read more at metronews.ca.

Dinosaur bones up for grabs at auction

This week, a 75-million-year-old cousin of Tyrannosaurus rex will be up for bid, and while it's hoped the valuable find will land in a museum, there's no guarantee a private collector won't snatch it up. Watch at Metronews.ca.

Mobile news

From Berlin to Antarctica, with not a penny in his pocket, Michael Wigge clocked more than 40,000 kilometres, hitchhiking, bartering and working his way by ship, plane, car and foot around the globe. Scan the code for the story.

Locked up in Israel

Talk. Ontario university professor detained for six days overseas to speak in Saskatoon

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A professor of French linguistics at Western Ontario University, David Heap is a typical Canadian university academic — except he's spent six days in an Israeli prison.

Heap, a political activist, was detained by Israeli forces in November, 2011 for attempting to cross waters into Gaza aboard a Canadian-owned flotilla with medical and educational supplies for the region's citizens.

Heap will speak in Saskatoon on Thursday amidst a campaign he has organized urging Stephen Harper's Conservative government to press Israel to release the boat so its contents can be distributed to the Palestinian people.

Israel has blockaded Gaza since 2007, stirring up political tension across the globe. The blockade has hindered Palestinians and Gaza's citizens' ability to travel and has economically and politically isolated the region.

Heap said Israel's intervention in the day-to-day life of Gaza's citizens is a human rights issue.

"I've been very concerned about this situation in Gaza for a number of years," said Heap. "Palestinians are denied this very basic human right of the ability to travel to leave their homeland and return or to travel within their homeland. To take away hope from a generation of young Palestinians, young people end up doing hopeless things. The worst thing you could do is kill hope," said Heap.

Heap was aboard Canadian vessel Tahrir, when the Israeli Navy intercepted the ship roughly 45 nautical miles off Gaza's coast.

Looming in Heap's mind was the 2010 tragedy of Turkish flotilla MV Mavi Marmara, where nine activists were killed after Israeli forces opened fire on the vessel. He admitted fearing for his life on numerous occasions throughout the ordeal.

"Any rational person would be afraid of what the state of Israel does not just because what happened to eight Turks and one U.S. citizen on the Mavi, but what happens week-in-week-out to Palestinians. People are shot by the Israeli government with impunity. That government has shown that it acts in a reckless and irresponsible manner towards civilian human lives," he added.

David Heap, back row-centre, and his delegation pose aboard the Tahrir prior to the group being detained and the vessel seized in Israeli waters last fall. CONTRIBUTED

Following Heap's six days in an Israeli jail, he was deported back to Canada where for the past six months he has been rallying to have the Tahrir released from Israeli forces so the ship's supplies can be distributed to the people of Gaza. The vessel remains under seizure in an Israeli military compound.

Along with his delegates, Heap raised thousands of dollars over a year and a half for the supplies they had intended to dispense in Gaza. An estimated $30,000 in medical aid is still on the ship. Various community groups across Canada were also vocal in the cause and donated money or supplies, as well. Heap is upset over the Canadian government's minimal intervention in helping retrieve the ship, which he believes is being held illegally.

Heap will travel to Saskatoon to speak on his Israeli experience on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the White Buffalo Youth Lodge before heading east to speak to a Winnipeg crowd on May 22.

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Accusations of racial profiling came from experience of the community: AACS prez

President of the Aboriginal Affairs Coalition of Saskatchewan (AACS) Kim Beaudin said it was his conversations with members of the aboriginal community that caused him to raise concerns about racial profiling by the SPS to the city's Board of Police Commissioners.

Beaudin said after speaking with members of the aboriginal community he heard of roughly 20-cases where an individual felt they were racially profiled.

"It got to a point where I would hear that people thought there was a bylaw and it was called, walking or riding your bike or driving while aboriginal, people actually believed that," said Beaudin.

He continued, "We decided to find out what's really happening out there and what we wanted to do is ensure people understand their rights and responsibilities and what happens when approached by an officer. We want to educate them."

AACS president Kim Beaudin and board of directors member Darrin Rekve pose with the letter submitted to the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners that outlines allegations of profiling. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Beaudin said he heard stories from people who felt they had been racially profiled, but noted it's unlikely they'll come forward with a complaint.

"It's totally unreported," said Beaudin. "It comes down to the intimidation factor of filing a report."

However, Clive Weighill, Chief of Police, said the SPS has not received any complaints about police misconduct — noting that there are a number of avenues to report it if it does occur.

"It's a very strict process and it's been made easier for people to make a complaint should they have complaint against the police," said Weighill, adding complaints can be filed to the SPS directly, through the Public Complaints Commission set up by the province or the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Special Investigations Unit.

"That's why I want to meet with Mr.Beaudin," said Weighill. "I'd like to let him know how things have changed in the province and how rigid and strict we are on investigations related to any allegations of police misconduct."

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Montreal unrest. Masked protesters disrupt classes

Protesters stormed into a Montreal university Wednesday, many of them with their faces covered by masks, moving through the hallways in a hunt for classes to disrupt.

The chaotic scene, which made some international news reports, came in a climate of heightened tension as the provincial government announced plans to suspend the current academic session for striking students in an attempt to restore order in a province plagued by unrest.

"It's time for calm to be restored," Premier Jean Charest said.

Wednesday's intrusions were orchestrated by protesters seeking to enforce their declared strikes. They resented some students' use of legal injunctions to return to school.

With a list of scheduled classes in hand, about 100 protesters marched through pavilions at the Université du Québec à Montréal and stopped at a few choice spots along the way.

Making noise with drums and whistles, they moved through the main UQAM building, splitting up on a number of occasions as they searched for ongoing classes.

A masked protester would yell out marching orders for the next target, such as: "Pavilion M!"

A few dozen entered a contract-law class at one point.

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Protester attire

Mask ban may face test this week

A federal move to regulate mask-wearing at large gatherings could face a litmus test as early as this week in protest-charged Montreal. A proposed local bylaw in that city might offer an early demonstration of whether such a ban actually cuts down on violent protest or helps inflame it, while creating additional headaches for police and backlogs in the justice system.

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War crimes

Taylor says he feels for victims

Convicted war criminal and former Liberian President Charles Taylor said during his sentencing hearing Wednesday that he sympathizes with victims of the civil war in Sierra Leone he helped foment, and asked judges to render their sentence against him in a spirit of "reconciliation, not retribution." But he did not admit any wrongdoing or apologize for his actions.

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Cyber tracking. Opt-out tool helps fight web ads

Canadians who get creeped out by web ads that seem to know a little too much about their personal habits should have access in the coming months to an opt-out tool that will help fight the effect of so-called behavioural advertising.

IAB Canada, a non-profit association representing the digital marketing and advertising industry, is currently in negotiations with the Digital Advertising Alliance in the U.S. to adopt its self-regulating program, which is already in place south of the border. A blue icon with a lower-case "i" denotes ads that are appearing because of behavioural advertising practices, based on a user's past web history.

The icon links to about-ads.info, which includes an opt-out feature used by about 160 ad agencies, ad networks and companies, including the likes of American Express, AT&T, Conde Nast, Dell, Delta, Forbes, Google, Microsoft and Yahoo!

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Monitoring efforts

Syria snubs UN torture committee

The Syrian government snubbed a UN committee when it failed to appear Wednesday or report on any efforts to prevent the use of torture, committee members said.

The Committee Against Torture said the Syrian delegation was a no-show at a scheduled meeting.

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Montreal

Man hit by bricks from building

A man is in critical condition today after being struck by dozens of bricks that came loose from a building in downtown Montreal. Police say the man suffered serious injuries to the head and pelvis after Tuesday night's incident. City inspectors have begun an investigation.

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Report takes police to task over G20 conduct

Officers pull back an activist during the G20 Summit in Toronto, June 26, 2010. A new report concludes that police violated civil rights, detained people illegally and used excessive force during the summit two years ago. The report, by Ontario's independent police watchdog, also blasts the temporary detention centre set up by the Toronto force, citing the centre's poor planning, design and operation. More than 1,100 people were arrested throughout the summit, and most were released without charge. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Mladic genocide trial underway

War wounds. Former Bosnian Serb commander exchanges angry gestures with victims' families through bulletproof glass in courtroom

Ratko Mladic appeared to be a shadow of the swaggering general who once "held Sarajevo in the palm of his hand" during Bosnia's 1992-95 war as his long-awaited genocide trial opened Wednesday in The Hague, Netherlands.

Yet he still managed to inflame Bosnia's festering war wounds with the flick of his hand. Hobbled by strokes and wearing a business suit instead of combat fatigues, the frail 70-year-old gestured toward the families of massacre victims in an angry exchange of hand signals through the bulletproof glass that separated them.

"Not even an animal would behave like that," said Mevlija Malic as she watched the trial on television in Bosnia.

Mladic is accused of commanding Bosnian Serb troops who opened the war with a campaign of murder and persecution to drive Muslims and Croats out of territory they considered part of Serbia.

Col. General Ratko Mladic appears in this April 16, 1994 photo.

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His troops rained shells and snipers' bullets down on civilians in the 44-month-long siege of the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, and butchered 8,000 Muslim men and boys in Srebrenica in July 1995, Europe's worst massacre since World War II.

"The world watched in disbelief that in neighbourhoods and villages within Europe a genocide appeared to be in progress," said prosecutor Dermot Groome said at the UN court.

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Mairead and Mick Philpott at a press conference Wednesday.

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Father describes desperate attempts to save six children from house fire

A father of 17 who lost six children in an arson attack on his central England home described Wednesday how he made a desperate attempt to rescue the siblings after the blaze broke out.

Mick Philpott broke down in tears as he recalled before reporters his thwarted efforts to reach the children, who were sleeping in their beds in upstairs rooms when the fire began to rage in the early hours of Friday morning.

Five of the siblings were killed immediately in the central England city of Derby, while a sixth died in hospital Sunday as a result of his injuries.

Police confirmed that the fire broke out after fuel was poured through the mail box on the front door of the house, and said they plan to question Philpott and the children's mother to determine why the home may have been targeted.

"What I can tell you is that the fire was started deliberately," said Derbyshire police's Assistant Chief Const. Steve Cotterill.

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Skechers to pay $40M to settle charges

False advertising. Consumers eligible for refunds in wake of FTC settlement with shoe company

Skechers USA Inc. will pay $40 million US to settle charges by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission that the footwear company made unfounded claims that its Shape-ups shoes would help people lose weight and strengthen their butt, leg and stomach muscles.

Wednesday's settlement also involves the company's Resistance Runner, Toners, and Tone-ups shoes and claims of deceptive advertising for those shoes as well.

Consumers who bought the shoes would be eligible for refunds, though it's not clear how much money they'll get. The FTC says that will depend on how many claims are received in the eight-month filing period.

The settlement is related to a broader agreement also announced Wednesday that resolves a multi-state investigation led by the attorneys general from Tennessee and Ohio and involving over 40 states.

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Wallet workout

Skechers billed its Shape-ups as a fitness tool designed to promote weight loss and tone muscles with the shoe's curved "rocker" or rolling bottom — saying it provides natural instability and causes the consumer to "use more energy with every step."

- Ads for the Resistance Runner shoes claimed people who wear them could increase "muscle activation" by up to 85 per cent for posture-related muscles and 71 per cent for one of the muscles in the buttocks, said the FTC.

Facebook stock flying high

A taxi passes the Nasdaq MarketSite in New York's Times Square on Wednesday. Facebook says 25 per cent more shares will be sold as investors clamour for a piece of the year's hottest stock offering on Nasdaq, Friday. The entire increase comes from insiders and early investors, so the company won't benefit from the additional sales. Facebook's stock is expected to begin trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the ticker symbol FB. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Inquiry. Politicians, press became too close: Former U.K. minister

Britain's politicians and its powerful media were uncomfortably close while Tony Blair ran the country, a former U.K. minister said Wednesday.

Jack Straw, who held several key posts, told an official inquiry into media ethics that journalists and Blair's Labour Party had forged "very, very close, sometimes incestuous" ties while Blair strived for power, and that those links endured when he became prime minister in 1997.

Blair served as Britain's chief for a decade — handing over to his successor Gordon Brown in 2007. Current British Prime Minister David Cameron has already acknowledged he developed ties to the media that were "too close" while he was opposition chief.

Straw, who served as foreign secretary, home secretary and justice secretary, said he believed that newspaper baron Rupert Murdoch, whose holdings extend to television and film, took advantage of his relationships with lawmakers to consolidate his media interests.

Straw was testifying before Lord Justice Brian Leveson, who is investigating whether British politicians and newspaper proprietors traded favours — part of a wide-ranging inquiry into media ethics.

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"The perception I got is that Mr. Murdoch is enjoying the fact that he has been willing to play with political leaders."

Jack Straw, former foreign minister

Aftershock. Eurozone at turning point: Flaherty

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says the eurozone is reaching a turning point, but that the departure of Greece is not yet inevitable.

Flaherty says he's concerned that failure to resolve the issue could have serious rebound effects on the Canadian banking sector and economy.

Flaherty told the Senate Finance committee he's been urging the richer European countries to overwhelm the debt crisis with a massive bailout for years, but that no such package has materialized. He says the European Central Bank's latest announcement that it would refuse to deal with troubled Greek banks is the latest example of not living up to the responsibility implied in forming a common currency zone.

He fears the ECB's decision could create a shock in financial markets that may reverberate in the U.S. and Canada as well. In testimony before the Senate committee, Flaherty said he's still opposed to the International Monetary Fund coming to the rescue of Europe, however. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Housing. Demand up across Canada: Realtors

The Re/Max real-estate sales organization says demand for high-priced housing was strong in most Canadian markets in the first months of this year, with records set in 10 of the 16 markets it tracks.

Vancouver was one of the six markets where the luxury market has cooled off after an especially hot period last year, but demand in Toronto remained high. The organization says the price of luxury housing depends on the market, from a low of $500,000 in mid-sized cities such as St. John's and Halifax to a high of $2 million in the Vancouver area.

In the case of Regina, which had the biggest increase in luxury sales this year, there was a 56 per cent more sales of at least $500,000. In Canada's most expensive market, Vancouver, there was a 31 per cent decline from last year's peak with 393 luxury homes sold in the first quarter. By contrast, Toronto's market has been hotter than last year, with 412 homes sold for at least $1.5 million each — a 49 per cent increase from early 2011. THE CANADIAN PRESS

India

Rupee sinks to all-time low

The Indian rupee hit an all-time low against the U.S. dollar Wednesday.

The rupee sunk to 54.44 against the dollar, breaching its prior low of 54.39 set Dec. 15, according to FactSet data. The slide helped send the benchmark Sensex index down 1.8 per cent Wednesday.

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Google

Modified search engine in the works

Google is introducing a new tool designed to make its search engine smarter.

The new feature draws from a Google-built database of more than 500 million people, places and commonly requested things to provide a summary of vital information alongside the main search results.

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Market Minute

DOLLAR 98.75¢ (-0.57¢)

Natural gas: $2.618 US (+11.8¢)
Dow Jones: 12,598.55 (-33.45)

TSX 11,326.08 (-16.97)

OIL $92.81 US (-$1.17)

GOLD $1,536.60 US (-$20.50)

YouTube launching HUNGRY channel online

Bruce Seidel is confident the future of food television won't be seen on television.

Which is why the Food Network and Cooking Channel veteran has checked out of network TV to oversee the launch of YouTube's latest original content channel, HUNGRY. The channel, which goes live on July 2, is expected to feature a freewheeling blend of how-to and celebrity-driven food videos.

The venture is part of the Google Inc.-owned video site's plan to launch roughly 100 channels of niche-oriented programming. Earlier this month, YouTube pledged to spend some $200 million US to help market those channels across Google and its advertising network.

Seidel was drawn to the project in part for YouTube's ability to create a more direct community with viewers than generally is possible with network television. It offered increased flexibility not just for viewers, but also for producers, who can more easily experiment with format and content.

YouTube also offers an enviably large and young demographic, truly the icing on advertisers' cake.

"The wonderful thing about YouTube is it has 800 million users worldwide and they all need to eat," Seidel said in a telephone interview. "I'd like to get just one per cent of them."

YouTube content historically has been dominated by low- and no-budget user generated videos. But Seidel, a former top executive at Food Network who oversaw the launch of its sister network, Cooking Channel, said HUNGRY will feature professionally produced videos worthy of any network.

At launch, videos will stick mostly with YouTube convention, running one to three minutes, with new episodes posted weekly. Seidel said they also are eager to explore longer format videos. By the end of the summer, the channel hopes to have close to a dozen series, all produced in partnership with multimedia studio Electus-IAC, which is responsible for the channel's content.

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Duff's Food World

One of the series will feature fellow Food Network alumnus Duff Goldman, the cake master behind that channel's reality show Ace of Cakes.

- Goldman's YouTube program, Duff's Food World, will be a sometimes irreverent variety show focused on food pop culture, including visits to unusual restaurants and spotlights of humorous food clips from the web and TV.
- Goldman also will serve as a talent and programming consultant for HUNGRY. In that role, he said he is eager to push food television both forward and backward.
- Flexing its ability to focus on micro-niches, HUNGRY also plans series on pork, gluten-free cooking and Italian desserts.

HIS MUSIC AT WORK

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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So, I just heard a new Tragically Hip song playing on TV and ran into the living room like there was a fire.

Actually, that's not true. If there had been a fire, I would have just panicked in its general direction, or maybe called my parents for one of my "How do I do cook/clean/kill this?" calls, to ask if they had any quick household tips to avoid smoke inhalation.

But when I heard lead singer Gord Downie's voice, I leapt into action, barrel-rolling into the room as if lives were at stake, and grabbed both sides of the TV screen ready to give it mouth-to-mouth if necessary.

I admit I may have a problem.

I will go long periods of time as a normal person, then a new Tragically Hip album comes out and I become like those girls who are always fainting at the sight of Justin Bieber's hair. As a 35-year-old professional with some vestiges of dignity, I keep it cool, but inside my heart is screaming, "OMG sooo exiteeed justin hold me retweet me impregnate me!!!" Or the emotional equivalent.

So Hard Done By

As a 35-year-old professional with some vestiges of dignity, I keep it cool, but inside my heart is screaming, "OMG sooo exiteeed justin hold me retweet me impregnate me!!!"

I have also walked past Gord's house because I wanted to see what it looked like (it looked like a house).

The Hip are my band. I own them. No doubt you own a band, too — probably acquired between the ages of 17 and 21, ample time being needed to get Billy Joel/MC Hammer/Bieber cleansed from your system. (If you like those performers, remember that music is a completely subjective endeavour that you still somehow got wrong.)

Occasionally, you share your band at a concert or a card game, but more often than not they're just yours. You criticize your band sometimes, because you love it, but if anyone else criticizes it, there's hell to pay.

Owning a good band keeps you young. Either it breaks up and your memories of it become frozen at that "final" age, or they stay together and you feel like time isn't passing at all.

Take the Hip: More time separates today from New Orleans is Sinking than separated New Orleans is Sinking from Let it Be. But when I listen to the Hip, it's hard to distinguish from how I felt when I was 17 or 27. It's not nostalgia, exactly — more like timelessness. That's a corny thing to say, I know, but my ownership of the Hip has been a long time running.

Now if you'll excuse me, I need to call my parents. I want to ask them the best way to clean the TV before I put my lips on it.

Our columnist's extreme love of the Tragically Hip has been a long time running. KEVIN FRAYER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Commuting by centipede

RICHARD VAN DER KLAAUW/METRO HOLLAND

Future transport

'Superbus' gets the green light

In a ceremony in Valkenburg, Netherlands, Holland's Minister of Infrastructure and Environment Melanie Schultz van Haegen on Tuesday attached registration plates to the Superbus, a Batmobile-style public transit vehicle that could whisk morning commuters off to work at super-fast speeds in the near future.

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Designer's view

"You can reach the Superbus by telephone or via an app on your smartphone. The bus brings you everywhere you want to go."

Superbus designer and former Dutch astronaut Wubbo Ockels
After getting the green light from the Dutch government as a road-worthy vehicle, the Superbus will now undergo a further two years of development and testing of the prototype.

Plans for development

Need for speed

A ride with the Superbus will not cost you more than a second-class train ticket. The first route, which still has to be built, will connect the cities Heereveen and Groningen. When the route will be ready is still unclear. All Dutch highways will have to add an extra high-speed lane on which the bus can travel up to 210 kilometres per hour.

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Facts and figures

- **Length.** 15 metres (twice the length of an adult killer whale).
- **Weight.** 9,500 kilograms fully loaded (heavier than a Tyrannosaurus rex).
- **Power source.** Electric motors powered by lithium-polymer battery pack and regenerative braking.

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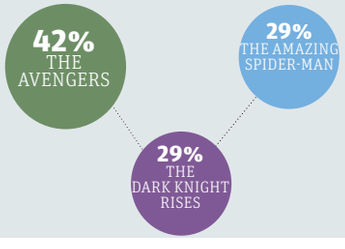
Which superhero movie tops your must-see list for the summer?



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@saskjazz has great lineup this year! young empires, feist, janelle monae, hooded fang, the roots - WOO HOO! love summer in #yxe!

@Hnatty19:
And anytime there is a new service which is a benefit to #yxe there is separate charge for it! So what the hell are they raising taxes for?

@jnbauer:
"@jk_bauer crappy, crappy drivers this morning! You know who you are...you crap, crap, crappy drivers! #yxe

@jenamhall:
Rockin out to the Philosopher Kings on the way to #yxe

@PreSifted:
Oh! It's summer! #yxe

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SCENE

Coates goes the distance for local film industry

Kim Coates. The actor and Saskatoon native's career has taken him around the world, but he came to Regina to speak up against scrapping the tax credit

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Most of the Saskatonians who participated in the Culture Cruise and Rally in Support of the Film Industry in Saskatchewan traveled 260 kilometres to make their voices heard at the Legislative Building in Regina. Kim Coates' journey was about 13,000 kilometres longer.

"I literally just got off the plane from Tanzania 36 hours ago after a 25-hour flight and I start filming Sons of Anarchy the day after tomorrow," said the actor minutes before addressing a crowd at the Broadway Theatre in Saskatoon Sunday night — the night before the ride to Regina. "I'm exhausted, but I had to be here."

Coates speaks with intensity when it comes to the provincial government's decision to eliminate the film employment tax credit. And it's clear he isn't just getting into character as he prepares for his fifth season of playing outlaw biker Alex "Tig" Trager on Sons of Anarchy.

"We've got that incredible soundstage in Regina," said Coates. "We might as well just burn it down with these cuts the government is talking about, because it will never be used again."

The 53-year-old Saskatoon native has appeared in more than 40 movies, including huge features like Pearl Harbour and Black Hawk Down, and has had recurring roles on TV shows CSI: Miami, Prison Break and Entourage.

His career has taken him all over the world, but he says there's something special about making movies in Saskatchewan, which he has been able to do three times in recent years with the films 45 R.P.M., Ferocious and Rufus.

"I'm at a part of my career where I get to say no a lot. I will only do something if it's really great I just won't work on it if it's not. To do these movies it means that they were really great scripts with really great parts for me," said Coates.

"I honestly am so proud of what we're doing here and what these crews are capable of."

On this visit, Coates left Saskatchewan directly from the steps of the Legislative Building to return to his adopted home of Los Angeles to get back to work. He is sworn to secrecy when it comes to this season's storylines, but promises Sons of Anarchy fans won't be disappointed.

"My character goes through something in the first show that no one's going to believe," said Coates.

"It's heart-wrenching; it's unbelievable."

For now, Coates says he can only hope the film industry in his home province avoids a similar fate.

Actor Kim Coates speaks at the Broadway Theatre during a rally held to protest the provincial government's decision to eliminate the film tax credit. SIMON HIATT/FOR METRO

Bio adaptation

Sorkin to focus on Apple after Facebook film

Aaron Sorkin is going from Facebook to Apple. Sony Pictures officials say the Oscar-winning writer will write a screenplay based on the Steve Jobs biography. Sony Pictures co-chairman Amy Pascal says Sorkin will make the film about the late Apple founder "everything that Jobs himself was: Captivating, entertaining and polarizing."
Sorkin won the adapted screenplay Academy Award for 2010's The Social Network. The 50-year-old writer was nominated in the same category for 2011's Moneyball.
His other credits include Charlie Wilson's War and A Few Good Men. He also created TV's The West Wing. Actor Ashton Kutcher is set to play Jobs in a separate project.

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On the web

Finale of Desperate Housewives brings 11 million viewers to ABC on Sunday

Will SNL's constant stream of talent ever run dry?

SNL cast member Kristen Wiig has joined the long list of success stories from the legendary comedy show. ERIC REICHBAUM/ASSOCIATED PRESS

"How can Saturday Night Live possibly replace (fill in the blank)?" How many times have we asked ourselves that question across nearly four decades?

"Impossible!," said some in 2006 when Tina Fey, Chris Parnell, Horatio Sanz and Rachel Dratch headed for the door, only to be followed two years later by her Weekend Update co-host Amy Poehler.

But in their wake grew one of the most versatile, multi-threat casts in SNL history, one that firmly established its own SNL era. Kristen Wiig, Andy Samberg, Bill Hader and Jason Sudeikis all became cast members in the 2005-2006 season, joining a group that already had Seth Meyers and Fred Armisen.

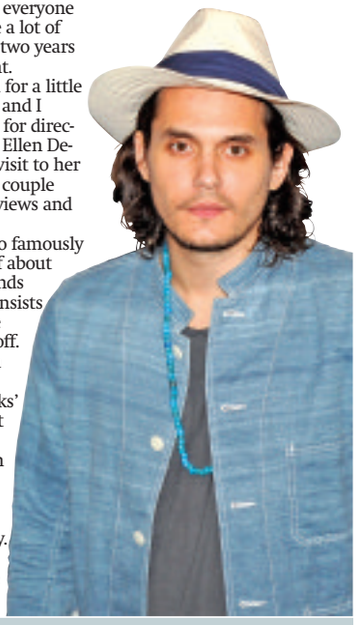
At the time, SNL creator and executive producer Lorne Michaels pronounced them "the wave of the future" and Fey likened herself to a senior seeing "exciting freshmen" arrive. But as this latest season of the sketch institution comes to a close this Saturday night (with host Mick Jagger and musical guests Arcade Fire and the Foo Fighters), there's a growing sense that another SNL class is nearing graduation.

Wiig, Samberg and Sudeikis have been reported to be leaving, though Michaels has said any decision will wait until the summer. With a U.S. presidential election looming, an immediate exodus of all three is unlikely. Sudeikis plays both Republican candidate Mitt Romney and Vice-President Joe Biden, and SNL has previously taken an all-hands-on-deck approach to U.S. election shows.

Yes, sometimes it's struggled for top-grade material over the years, which is understandable due to how long it has run, but when SNL is firing on all cylinders, it can be as good as it's ever been. This year, those moments have come when an alum has hosted: Maya Rudolph in February and Jimmy Fallon for the Christmas show.

Such occasions usually bring back other former cast members as well. If anything, the SNL universe has grown larger — making a kind of constant revolving door for SNL cast members, past and present. In that way, SNL has more in common with the mafia than any other TV show: No one ever really leaves. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mayer wisens up



John Mayer wants everyone to know he's done a lot of growing up in his two years out of the spotlight.

"I lost my head for a little while. I lost touch and I didn't want to ask for directions," Mayer tells Ellen DeGeneres during a visit to her talk show. "I did a couple really dumb interviews and it woke me up."

The singer, who famously shot his mouth off about famous ex-girlfriends and racial issues, insists he's calmed in the intervening time off. "I think back then I would have said, 'Give me two weeks' or like, 'Let me get out and do Ellen and let me explain myself," Mayer says.

"It was like, 'No, idiot. Go away. Be 33 and 34 instead of 28 for the fourth year.'"

Lady Gaga

Gaga banned from performing in Jakarta

Lady Gaga has been denied a permit to perform in the city of Jakarta, according to E! News.

The singer was reportedly banned from Indonesia all together after an outpouring of criticism from Islamic activists, but a spokesperson for the Indonesian national police would only confirm that she would not be allowed to go ahead with her scheduled show on June 3. Officials pulled the permit out of fear that they would not be able to control protesters at the event. Lady Gaga's rep has yet to comment.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Forgive us, Miley Cyrus

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It seems we owe Miley Cyrus an apology. While we were rooting against her as rumours circled that she might land a spot at the X Factor judges table, she was busy being an adult with a real life and rescuing dogs.

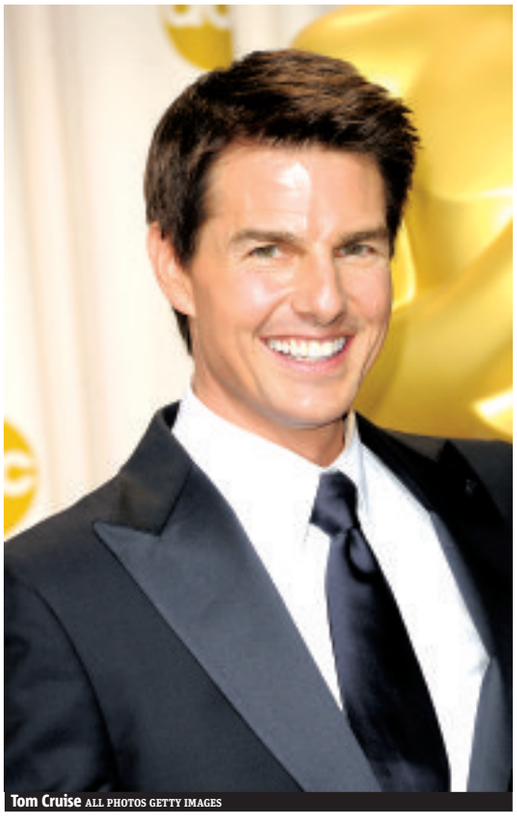
Earlier this month, the starlet brought home Happy, a beagle mix who was left outside a Walmart, and over the weekend she added a fifth rescue pup, Mary Jane, to her collection.

"Meet the newest addition to our family Mary Jane," Cyrus tweeted. "I love rescuing."

And apparently, Cyrus' dogs live — and sleep — pretty comfortably.

"As all my dogs jumped on my face the first words out of my mouth this morning ... 'I am living my dream life,'" she tweeted later.

Miley, we have to admit, we seriously underestimated your idea of a dream life with Mary Jane. Consider this your summer get-out-of-the-gossip-column-free pass — and tell your girl Lindsay about our limited-time deal.



Tom Cruise ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Tom's OK with the haters

Tom Cruise has gotten over his couch-jumping period, but he's not mad at other people for dwelling on his past moments of erratic behaviour.

"Do I make mistakes? Yeah. I don't care who you are, life has challenges," Cruise tells Playboy magazine. "I remember as a kid I wanted an adventurous life, and I've gotten it. So if someone judges me harshly, it's OK. I don't even judge them harshly for doing it."

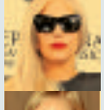
Lawsuits not over for Travolta

Although the first man to accuse John Travolta of sexual battery dropped his lawsuit, he's since hired another attorney, and it's none other than the high-profile civil rights lawyer Gloria Allred.

"I represent John Doe No. 1. Mr. Doe's lawsuit was dismissed without prejudice which means that he is still legally entitled to file another lawsuit against John Travolta if he chooses. We are in the process of conferring with him regarding the next steps which he may wish to take," Allred said in a statement.

Twitter

@daxshepard1
I can't relate to people in their 20's with pets. I was way too selfish for that business. Dogs weren't allowed in bars back then.



@ladygaga
I'm obviously having a rough time tweeting today

@IMKristenBell
when did we change "Imput" to "Input"?? Wait.... has it ALWAYS been "input"??!!

@NathanFillion
Jennifer Beals is crushing me in Wurdle. And not in a small way. More so a "Fetal in the corner" way.

Start season with a bang

Victoria Day. Here's how to celebrate the long weekend with a crowning success of a party

YLVA VAN BUUREN
For Metro

Summer is a time to kick back in the backyard for a party with some friends. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

Saying happy birthday to a Queen is a royal reason to have your first party of the season and this year, Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee is the ideal theme, says Pia Wiesen, who owns Pia's in Orangeville, Ont., and loves to entertain.

"I would be sure that diamonds sparkled up the invite somehow."

Celebrating all things regal should continue as guests arrive, says Julie Albert, co-author with her sister Lisa Gnat, of Bite Me Too. You could have waving (dollar store) Union Jack flags in your outdoor planters, red, white and blue (Christmas) lights decorating the post and railing of your deck, "British" music playing such as The Clash singing London Calling, and the offer of a mixed cocktail such as a Big Ben!

"Something lighthearted always puts your guests at ease … automatically they're having a good time!"

Start the party outside, says Wiesen, and if the weather is on the cool side have a patio firepit or fire bowl that guests can congregate around. Add citronella candles or torches to keep the bugs away and spray-on sunscreen for those who want it, and everyone should stay comfortable.

If your party starts early enough, invite guests to play no-skills-required lawn games such as Frisbee, badminton or croquet.

A buffet-style dinner is the way to go — and it moves indoors easily if need be. Don't use your fancy dishes, says Albert. Instead, set the table ahead with a table cloth, sturdy plastic dishes, and red, white and blue napkins.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER

Wiesen suggests a dinner that focuses on a selection of salads that you can prepare ahead. Serve with sliced, oven-roasted beef tenderloin, a basket of fresh bread, and a bottle of rosé. Here are three salad recipes.

1 Salad Nicoise: On a platter, arrange greens, small cooked potatoes, chopped eggs, tomatoes cut into wedges, and olives. Top with sliced seared salmon or tuna. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

2 Seasonal Asparagus: Steam asparagus and put it on a platter with a small bowl of Hollandaise or mayonnaise mixed with chives. Arrange thinly sliced prosciutto on the side. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

3 Pia's Caprese Style Salad: Cut tomatoes and Buffalo mozzarella cheese into bite-sized wedges. Arrange on a platter and top with sliced red onions, finely chopped garlic and fresh thyme. Cover and refrigerate. To serve, drizzle with olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

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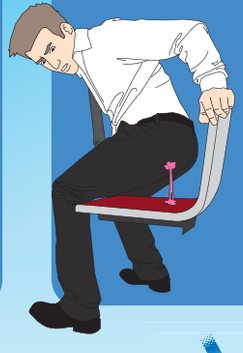
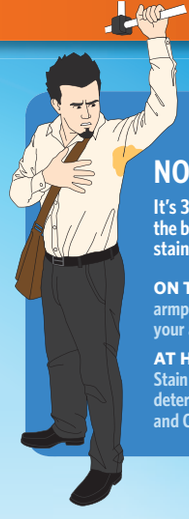


GUM. UGH.

The good news – you got a seat on the subway! The bad news? You just sat on some gum. Gross.

ON THE GO: Rub the gummy area with ice and carefully scrape away any excess gum as soon as possible.

AT HOME: Before washing, apply Clorox2® Stain Fighter & Colour Booster liquid formula directly into stain. Wash immediately.



NOT-SO-MELLOW YELLOW.

It's 30° outside – but it feels like 100° on the bus. You can almost sense the big yellow stain forming around your armpits.

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Nine summer updates for your beauty cabinet

We talk to a makeup artist, facialist and dermatologist to discover the skin and makeup products you'll need to get you through months of pore-clogging summer heat

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The facialist: Una Brennan

Una Brennan's famous clients include the always luminous Sienna Miller

SkinCeuticals CE Ferulic, $146, skinceuticals.co.uk
"This is such a powerful anti-oxidant serum. Not only does it protect and repair the skin from external aggressors, it helps stimulate collagen for more youthful looking skin. I never go a day without it and believe everyone should use a topical vitamin C antioxidant in this form."

Clarisonic, Opal Sonic Infusion, $185, clarisonic.com
"This is fantastic for kick-starting under eye lymph drainage, which is a massive bonus for those who suffer from puffy eyes or dark circles. It also helps your eye cream penetrate the skin more easily. Perfect after a late night out."

Epicuren Acidophilus Probiotic Facial Cream, $22, epicuren.com
"Perfect for even the most sensitive skin. My favorite moisturizer for calming redness and inhibiting breakouts, this cream will make your skin clear and glowing."

The makeup artist: Francesca Tolot

Tolot has worked on the perma-flawless Beyoncé Knowles.

Chanel, Illusion d'Ombre Eyeshadow in Illusoire, $36, chanel.com
"Even in balmy temperatures, this eyeshadow won't crease and cake up on the eyelids or cause uncomfortable powdery heaviness.

The taupe shade is a universal colour that adds depth to the look in your eyes."

NARS Blush Bronzer Trio in Laguna, Albatross and Orgasm, $63, narscosmetics.com
"When it's hot and humid your face doesn't need to be smothered in makeup. Unless you have bad skin, avoid heavy foundation in the summer. This palette is the perfect alternative to foundation if you want extra shimmer."

Dior Vernis in Nirvana, $23, dior.com
"Summertime means exposed hands and toes, so you need to get the color right. I love darker, vibrant shades (even in summer!) as they look beautiful on anyone but for something a bit more out there, I love the turquoise Dior Vernis Nirvana. It's a colour that requires commitment, but it's worth the risk."

The dermatologist: Dr. Lisa Airan

Airan's celebrity credentials include the swoon-worthy Tom Ford.

Clarisonic Skincare Brush, $225, clarisonic.com
"In the summer, sweat, oil and dirt can clog up your pores. Use this brush to clean, soften and smooth skin. It also removes six times more makeup and twice as much dirt than any other method."

Neutrogena Ultra Sheer Dry-Touch Sunscreen SPF 70, $11, Neutrogena.com
"If you're planning on spending the day soaking up the sun, this is the best sunscreen to use. It's ultra-lightweight and contains Helioplex that provides broad UV coverage."

Elure Advanced Lightening Lotion and Facial Wash, $30 and $150, elureskin.com
"Exposure to the sun can lead to uneven skin tone and the appearance of brown spots. Use the facial wash to remove dirt and dead skin cells (caused by the sun) and then apply the lotion to even out skin pigment and reverse sun damage. Wash your face first as the cleanser increases the lotion's effectiveness by temporarily lowering the pH of your skin."

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Style in brief

Simpson to launch maternity line

Brand-new mother Jessica Simpson is launching a line of clothing for moms-to-be. With it all still fresh in her mind, the 31-year-old singer-actress, who gave birth to daughter Maxwell Drew Johnson on May 1, announced Monday a partnership between Camuto Group, the master licensee behind her label, and retailer Destination Maternity. The clothes, with a hint of a 1970s vibe, will be in stores in the fall. Simpson said the styles aim to be "flattering to your baby bump." Simpson famously tweeted while pregnant that she dreamed she went to the hospital wearing an animal-print kaftan. This collection builds on her already strong fashion portfolio, with 24 product categories, including clothes, jewelry, shoes and beauty products. Simpson is a regular on NBC's Fashion Star reality competition show.
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On the web

Combatting chlorine: Wet hair, damp skin can leave swimmers feeling dry

The poster child of style

Starting an art collection? Poster art has moved far beyond the teenager's bedroom and into the realm of high design

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Wanting to start curating your own art collection at home? An inexpensive and easy way to start is with vintage (and new) posters.

Vintage posters are highly collectable and can be found at yard sales, through online dealers and vintage book shops, whereas new posters are available at a multitude of online retailers and in store.

"Vintage posters are a great way for someone to foray into the collector's world; posters can easily be sent around the world in shipping tubes and there are a multitude of graphics to choose from," says Troy Seidman of Caviar20.com, a 20th century art and design online boutique.

What's hot: For the past few years, people have gravitated toward collecting vintage posters with themes of wine, spirits and food. With the anticipated Olympics this summer, many collectors are focusing on travel and sport-related posters. Always popular poster themes are foreign language, superheroes and classic movie posters.

How to buy: A vintage poster can cost $50 to $1,000 depending on condition, age and availability whereas a new poster can cost $5 to $200, depending on the size, printing process and paper stock.

Most posters ordered online are shipped in a protective cardboard tube, with the framing left to the buyer.

When shopping for a vintage poster, it's best to let the seller know what themes you are interested in buying so they can put together a tightly curated collection of options for you to choose from; that way you won't become overwhelmed with all the images and themes available.

Sources: For 20th-century collectable posters, check outcaviar20.com; they've got a great selection of cultural and modern art posters. For new posters go to society6.com — there you'll find a great selection of superhero themes that can be ordered in a variety of sizes.

Most large home decor retailers like Bed Bath & Beyond have cashed in on poster art as a popular decor element and sell their favourites already framed. Keep in mind that these posters may look vintage but you'll have to wait a long time before they gain collectable status.

If buying posters at auction or yard sales, make sure to do a good inspection for fading, fold lines, rips and tape marks, as any of these will decrease the collectable value.

Any poster with an original artist signature is a must-buy, no matter what the condition.

A collectable poster can be inspiration for decorating an entire room. CONTRIBUTED

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HOME EQUITY

I received an email from D'arcy last week asking: Scott I am thinking about redoing my shingles this summer what is the best way to add the costs into my mortgage?

The short answer: call me!

Summer brings tonnes of renovation projects and with those come a cost.

Home equity is a great way to help raise the value of your home and complete those renovations. As Jordan Barry, Realtor with Realty Executives in Saskatoon says, "You can improve the value of your home by adding a garage or updating your kitchen or bathrooms but to make yourself more competitive in the market you can do as little as a add fresh coat of paint and update some inexpensive elements. Todays market is a competitive one, where the home that shows the best will sell the fastest and for the most money."

In Canada, you can refinance up to 85% of your properties value and take out the equity. Therefore, if you were one of the fortunate people who owned their home before the huge boom you could possibly be sitting on more than $200,000 in equity.

So this summer, when it is 45 degrees in your upstairs bedroom at midnight and you have to wring out the sheets in the morning, remember it does not have to be that way. Refinance; take your home equity out to put central air conditioning in. You can afford to live comfortably!

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Let there be light

Easy fixes for everyday household dilemmas

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Dear Charles the butler: Having recently retired from 30 years in the hotel industry (sales), I truly believe in proper etiquette and good customer service.

Today I have two questions:

1. How would you recommend cleaning fabric lampshades?

2. Any ideas on how to prevent clothes from getting caught in fitted sheets in the dryer?

Wishing you continued success,
Mary

Dear Mary,

Thank you for your kind words! The first question is easy — cloth lampshades should be cleaned with a soft vacuum brush attachment.

Remember that dust attracts grease, so vacuum them often to keep them dust-free. I would say to clean them monthly.

Now, your second question is a great one — but unfortunately I have no answer for it.

I hope that some reader out there may have the answer and if so, please write in and tell me your thoughts so that I can learn and help everyone along the way.

Warm wishes,
Charles the butler

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How do your properly clean a cloth lampshade? ISTOCK IMAGES

Discover the Italian flavours that exist beyond spaghetti

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This classic flavoured stew known as "hunter's stew" offers up chunky pieces of vegetables and duck that will become a favourite for all your guests.

Serve this dish with fettuccine pasta or mashed potatoes to soak up the rich tomato sauce.

Look for the whole duck in the freezer section of the grocery store and let it thaw completely in the refrigerator for about 24 hours before use.

Ingredients

- 1 King Cole whole duck, about 5 lbs/2.5 kg
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) each salt and pepper
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb (500 g) button mushrooms, quartered
- 1 each red and green bell peppers, chopped
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) dried oregano
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried basil
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) dry red wine
- 1 can (28 oz/796 mL) diced tomatoes

1. Trim excess skin and fat from duck and reserve for another use. Cut duck into 6 pieces and remove backbone for another use. Sprinkle salt and pepper all over duck pieces.

2. Heat large shallow Dutch oven over medium high heat and brown duck on both sides. Remove to plate. Remove all but 1 tbsp (15 mL) of the rendered fat in the saucepan.

3. In same pot, over medium high heat, cook onion, garlic, mushrooms, peppers, oregano and basil for about 15 minutes or until vegetables are beginning to brown. Pour in wine and stir vegetables to deglaze pan. Add tomatoes and bring to boil.

Duck Cacciatore

This recipe serves four to six people. EMILY RICHARDS

4. Return duck to pot. Reduce heat, and simmer covered for about 1 hour and 15 minutes or until duck is falling off the bone. Uncover and cook for 15 minutes to thicken the sauce slightly.

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Cookbook of the Week

Gourmet Italian: All-Time Favourite Recipes

It's no secret that Canadians are in love with Italian food. Over the years, Gourmet magazine helped shape tastes and expand repertoires from pizza and spaghetti to risotto and panna cotta.

For this sterling collection, the magazine's editors chose their best from the hundreds of Italian recipes published over the years. Most are perfect for easy entertaining and include: Calamari Salad, Quick Chicken Ragu, Lasagna Bolognese and luscious Tiramisu.

Each recipe comes with cooking times and kitchen tips. METRO

From landscaping loser to garden guru

DIY ideas. It's all about curb appeal —turn your wild yard into an outdoor showcase you can be proud of

It's officially time to begin planting and bringing your outdoor space back to life. Licensed contractor Jason Cameron saves homeowners from the embarrassment of having the worst lawn on the block in Desperate Landscapes. Make sure neighbours don't call you out on your approach to lawn care (or lack thereof) by using some of Jason's advice when starting your garden landscaping this year.

Put together a plan

Planning your outdoor space can save you from feeling overwhelmed at the garden store where there are flowers, shrubs and trees aplenty. Be aware of the amount of sun exposure, weather habits, and type of soil in your yard so that you arrive at the garden store prepared. Garden store experts will be more than happy to offer advice about what plants will flourish in your yard.

Think about the placement of walkways and seating areas and be sure to incorporate a plan for lighting, as well-placed lights create a beautiful evening atmosphere and can highlight new foliage.

Lay the groundwork

It is very important to prepare soil before planting. Rent a ground tiller from a home improvement store if you don't already own one and use it to break up existing soil. Once completed, add a new layer of composite soil and then return to the tiller to mix the two soils together — the soil is now ready for planting.

If you've decided to create some new walkways, lay landscaper's fabric over these new areas to prevent weed growth and use metal staples to secure it to the ground. Place pathway rocks over top of the fabric and spread them around using a shovel until there is about a two-inch depth.

Planting time

Now that the ground is ready, it's time to highlight walkways and seating areas with vegetation. Place shrubs and flowers in planter boxes (if using) before actually planting to explore different formations and colour combinations. For variety, surround tall plants with cascading plants such as vines.

Once you have decided on their locations, dig appropriate-sized holes for each plant. Carefully remove plants from their pots, loosen their roots, place them in the hole and surround with dirt to straighten and secure.

Loosely spread some cedar mulch on any exposed soil around the plants as this will help the soil retain moisture and add nutrients to help them grow. The same approach can be used whether using planter boxes or planting directly in the ground.

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4 SPORTS

NFL

Break-in comes after Seau's death

Junior Seau's home garage was burglarized days after the former NFL star's suicide, police said Wednesday.

The burglary occurred on May 7 police said. A $500 bicycle belonging to a friend of Seau's was stolen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Garnett leads way for Celtics in Game 3

Kevin Garnett scored 27 points, grabbed 13 rebounds, and used a dominant second quarter to help the Boston Celtics beat the Philadelphia 76ers 107-91 on Wednesday to take a 2-1 lead in their second-round series.
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Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett celebrate in Philadelphia.
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NBA

"It was a long journey, it was a painful journey."

Larry Bird, who was voted NBA Executive of the Year Wednesday. He is the first person to be named the NBA's top executive, coach and MVP. Bird's Indiana Pacers finished third in the Eastern Conference at 42-24 and had struggled since a brawl in Detroit in 2004.

Cycling

Ferrari floors it in Giro Stage 11

Roberto Ferrari sprinted to his first Grand Tour stage win in the 255-kilometre 11th leg of the Giro d'Italia Wednesday, while Joaquin Rodriguez kept top spot.

Victoria's Ryder Hesjedal was 17 seconds back of the lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Devils crash through for victory in hostile NYC

NHL. New Jersey sends Rangers to another Game 2 loss to even Conference finals at 1-1

Game 2

Devils	Rangers
3	2

David Clarkson's goal 2:31 into the third period snapped a tie and lifted the New Jersey Devils to a 3-2 win over the New York Rangers that evened the Eastern Conference finals at one game apiece on Wednesday night.

Clarkson built off the momentum created by Ryan Carter's goal late in the second period that tied the game, 2-2. Ilya Kovalchuk had given the Devils a 1-0 lead with a power-play goal in the first. Defenceman Bryce Salvador added two assists, and Martin Brodeur stopped 23 saves for the win.

"We had to keep going to the net, and I think we were doing some good things," Clarkson said. "We've been playing some good hockey and we've got to continue to do it. That is a big win for us."

Marc Staal and Chris Kreider scored in the second for the Rangers, who lost their third straight Game 2 after winning the series opener. Top-seeded New York, which had 24 saves by Henrik Lundqvist, hasn't had a two-game lead at any point in these playoffs.

New Jersey got even at 2-2 when Salvador wound up for a shot at the blue-line and fired a drive that Carter — with his back to the net — brilliantly deflected past Lundqvist with 1:51 left in the second. Marian Gaborik stood up straight in front of Salvador, but didn't drop down as many of his teammates have to try to block the shot. For that, he was pinned to the bench by coach John Tortorella, even through New York's power play in the third.

Gaborik returned to the ice with 8:40 remaining.

The Devils kept the pressure on the Rangers at the start of the third and wiped out the good work New York displayed in the second.

After spending much of the first penned in their own end, the Rangers rebounded to erase their early deficit on goals from Staal and Kreider.
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New Jersey's Anton Volchenkov collides with New York's Carl Hagelin on Wednesday night at Madison Square Garden.
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NHL Playoffs

Coyotes' Hanzal to sit Game 3

The NHL suspended Phoenix Coyotes forward Martin Hanzal for one game on Wednesday for a hit on Los Angeles captain Dustin Brown in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals. The NHL announced the ban Wednesday, a day after Hanzal was assessed a major penalty and game misconduct for boarding at 11:01 of the third period in Game 2. Hanzal will miss Game 3 on Thursday night in Los Angeles. The Kings lead the series 2-0.
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NBA playoffs

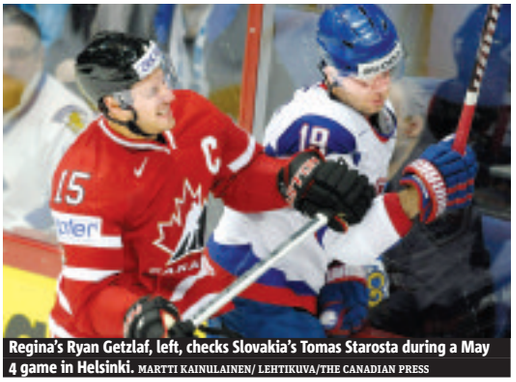
"It's what the playoffs are all about. At the end of the day, you've got to try to win on somebody else's floor."

LeBron James, whose Miami Heat head to Indiana for Game 3 Thursday night with the second-round series tied 1-1. The Pacers won Game 2 in Miami 78-75 on Tuesday night to take home-court advantage away from the Heat.

Mobile news

Lance Armstrong says "the 13-year question" of whether he used performance-enhancing drugs is over. Armstrong, who has never been caught doping, says he's finished talking about the allegations that have dogged his seven Tour de France titles. Scan the code for the story.

Canada looks to rise to occasion vs. Slovakia



Regina's Ryan Getzlaf, left, checks Slovakia's Tomas Starosta during a May 4 game in Helsinki. MARTTI KAINULAINEN/ LEHTIKUVA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

There was no sign of the mounting pressure.

As Canada moved into crunch time at the IIHF world hockey championship on Wednesday, it did so amid a calm, easy-going atmosphere in Helsinki. The players were put through a light skate ahead of Thursday's quarter-final against Slovakia but admitted after that the heat had been turned up ahead of a must-win game.

"You want to make your country proud," said goaltender Cam Ward. "You feel like Canada's going to be watching and you don't want to let them down. There's a lot of pressure to perform, but that pressure should bring the best out of you."

Quoted

"It's basically one game, anything can happen."

Zdeno Chara, captain of Team Slovakia.

The Slovaks find themselves unburdened, having already accomplished their goal of earning automatic entry to the 2014 Olympics by virtue of getting to the playoff round.

"It's a nice feeling," said captain Zdeno Chara. "(Qualifying for the Olympics) is something that is very important for Slovakia, for the people back home and obviously for the sport itself. We are not done yet."

Canada enters as the favourite, but has plenty of reason to be wary of its opponent.

The Slovaks were stingy in a matchup between the teams to open the tournament — Canada squeaked out a 3-2 victory — and they went on to win five straight games to complete the round robin.
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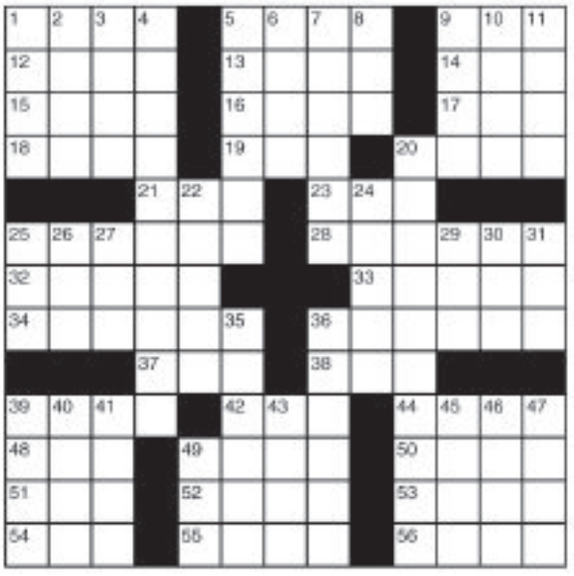
Crossword

Across

1 Dance lesson
5 "Born Free" lioness
9 Interlaken interjection
12 Heart of the matter
13 Actor Neeson
14 Pi follower
15 Domini lead-in
16 Sore
17 Cardplayer's call
18 Heart of the matter
19 Shell-game item
20 Punch
21 CIA forerunner
23 "Go, team!"
25 Carol opener
28 Island greetings
32 Virile
33 Bay of Biscay feeder
34 Schulz pooch
36 Obtained
37 Sugar suffix
38 Lamb's dam
39 Leave in a hurry
42 Possess
44 Buzz Aldrin's mother's maiden name
48 Wish undone
49 Send out
50 Desire
51 Lemieux milieu
52 Count counterpart
53 Ashen
54 Replies of surprise
55 Dandling locale
56 Kane's Rosebud

Down

1 Unwanted email
2 Prong
3 Sicilian spouter
4 Session with the camera
5 Go by
6 Grown-up nits
7 Vast dry expanse
8 "Judging —"
9 Jason's ship
10 Stylish
11 Goose's noise
20 Westerns
22 Comes to a halt
24 Say it's OK
25 Mornings (Abbr.)
26 Newsman emeritus Rather
27 Author Umberto
29 Smack
30 Exist
31 D.C. address
35 Naval petty officer
36 Kind
39 Enthusiastic vigor
40 "That hurts!"
41 Sediment
43 Telegram
45 Evangelist Roberts
46 Look lecherously
47 Requirement
49 Comic-strip scream



Sudoku

	5		8		9		7	
	7	8	4		2	1	6	
2			5		4			9
		9	3		6	5		
3			9		7			1
	9	1	6		8	4	2	
	4		1		3		5	

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	8	9	1	5	2	4	6	7
4	6	1	3	8	7	2	9	5
5	2	7	9	6	4	8	1	3
8	9	3	6	2	5	1	7	4
7	5	4	8	1	3	6	2	9
6	1	2	4	7	9	5	3	8
2	4	5	7	9	1	3	8	6
1	7	8	5	3	6	9	4	2
9	3	6	2	4	8	7	5	1

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

LJ BCAS BATVV DCCFZSB FTQQU TQCMON SVSFYQLFTV JLYYLOHB, UCM ALHZY BTU Y ZTY DMHB VMH DVMHB.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN ORDER TO INVENT AN INNOVATIVE MOTOR, I IMAGINE YOU'D NEED GREAT ENGINE-UITY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals T

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. If something sounds too good to be true then it most likely is, so don't be fooled.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You may be having doubts about a friendship or relationship that has caused you quite a bit of trouble of late, but don't give up on it yet.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Think carefully before you pursue what you think is your dream – because it could turn into a nightmare if you get it wrong.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. It's time to get over the past. It's the future that matters.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Strive to keep things in perspective today, especially where affairs of the heart are concerned.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Be confident enough to follow your own path through life, even if it is a path many people might disapprove of.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You are who you are and no one has the right to demand that you be any different.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Someone you meet today will make an impression on you and no doubt your friendship will blossom.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. If someone you love seems determined to make a silly mistake then you might as well let them get on with it.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Even if you are in the mood to make changes it will pay you to wait a few days.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You have nothing to prove, not to other people nor to yourself, so slow down and give your overworked body and mind time to recover.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Consult someone you trust before making that big move you have been thinking about. It could be they can see a potential pitfall that you have missed.

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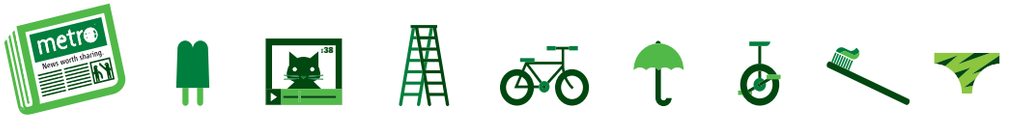

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